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**K. DANE SNOWDEN, CHIEF OF FCC CONSUMER & GOVERNMENTAL  
AFFAIRS BUREAU, TO VISIT CHEHALIS INDIAN RESERVATION;  
PARTICIPATE IN TOWN HALL MEETING**

Washington, DC – On July 31, 2002, K. Dane Snowden, chief of the FCC Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau, will visit the Chehalis Indian Reservation in western, central Washington State. The FCC has partnered with the Chehalis Business Council and the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians-Economic Development Corporation (ATNI-EDC) to make this event possible.

ATNI-EDC's Washington Tribal Telephone Outreach Program performs telecommunications-related consumer education and outreach to the tribes in Washington state, and is designed to eliminate impediments to telephone services on reservations.

Snowden will be accompanied by Kris Anne Monteith, the associate chief for FCC intergovernmental affairs.

He will discuss the FCC's Indian Telecommunications Initiatives (ITI) and the FCC's recently launched "Get Connected: Afford-A-Phone" campaign at a town hall meeting and then be available for questions. He will also participate in an informal roundtable meeting of tribal representatives, planners and consumer outreach coordinators.

The FCC's ITI is a comprehensive campaign to improve access to telecommunications services in American Indian communities. It has several components including interactive regional telecommunications workshops in Indian Country, with tribal, government and industry participation; FCC participation in other conferences and events that

address American Indian telecom issues; one-on-one meetings between tribal representatives and FCC staff; and distributing educational materials through tribes and tribal organizations.

“Get Connected: Afford-A-Phone” is a nationwide FCC campaign to inform consumers about “Lifeline” and “Link-Up,” two longstanding government programs to help low income consumers afford phone installation and service. Qualifying residents of tribal lands are eligible for enhanced “Lifeline” and “Link-Up” supports.

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